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REF: A) ADDIS 5708; B) STATE 115638; C)MAAG TEHRAN 131031Z

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1. IN FURTHER REPLY TO REF A, WITH REGARD TO YOUR QUESTION
IN PARA 2 WHETHER JORDAN NEEDS F-5A'S IN MAY, ANSWER
INVOLVES THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAP AND FMS
ORIGIN EXCESS EQUIPMENT. MAP RECIPIENTS HAVE OBLIGATION
UNDER RELEVANT AGREEMENTS WITH USG TO OFFER TO USG FOR SUCH
REDISPOSITION AS USG CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE ANY DEFENSE
ARTICLES FURNISHED UNDER MAP WHEN NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR
PURPOSES FOR WHICH FURNISHED. IN MOST CASES, ARTICLES SO
REACQUIRED ARE REALLOCATED UNDER MAP REDISTRIBUTABLE PRO-
GRAM. WE HAVE NO SIMILAR RIGHT TO REACQUIRE FMS-ORIGIN
EQUIPMENT. FMS RECIPIENTS ARE FREE TO TRANSFER FMS-ORIGIN
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EQUIPMENT AS THEY SEE FIT, PROVIDED THAT USG CONSENTS TO
TRANSFER AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS
ARE MET. AS NOTED REF C, ALL F-5A'S PROPOSED FOR TRANSFER
TO JORDAN BY IRAN ARE FMS-ORIGIN AIRCRAFT. ASSUMING THIRD-

PARTY TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, WE HAVE NO CONTROL ON TIMING OF TRANSFER, WHICH IS MATTER BETWEEN IRAN AND JORDAN.

ONCE WE RECEIVE FORMAL GOI REQUEST TO APPROVE TRANSFER, WE WILL IMPLEMENT THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 3(A) OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED, IE., CONSIDER WHETHER US WOULD ITSELF TRANSFER THE F-5A'S DIRECTLY TO JORDAN; INFORM THE CONGRESS IN ADVANCE OF OUR APPROVAL; AND OBTAIN THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM JORDAN IN ADVANCE OF GIVING OUR APPROVAL. AT THIS TIME WE CAN SEE NO GROUNDS ON WHICH WE WOULD DIS-APPROVE SUCH A TRANSFER.

2. WE AGREE WITH YOUR COMMENTS CONTAINED PARA 4 ON PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE SHOULD KENYA RECEIVE F-5A'S BEFORE ETHIOPIA. SINCE USG IS BUYING BACK FMS-ORIGIN F-5A'S FOR RESALE TO KENYA UNDER FMS PROCEDURES, WE HAVE SOME LATITUDE ON WHEN DELIVERY IS MADE.

3. FURTHER TO REF D, ETHIOPIAN CHARGE MEKBIB COVERED SAME GROUND WITH ASST. SECY. MULCAHY AND AF OFFICERS ON MAY 16. MEKBIB SAID HE HAD COME IN NOT RPT NOT UNDER INSTRUCTION BUT THAT AS GOE SHOWED CONTINUING INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT THROUGH CABLES AND PHONE CALLS, HE FELT IT HIS DUTY TO INFORM US OF THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS BEING CAUSED BY REPORTS OF DELAYS IN DELIVERY OF F-5'S AND THE OPPORTUNITY IT GAVE THOSE IN PMG LEADERSHIP WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO CAST DOUBT ON INTENTIONS AND RELIABILITY OF US. MULCAHY ASSURED MEKBIB THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT EARLY DELIVERY OF BOTH F-5E'S AND F-5A'S REMAINED A VALID OBJECTIVE TOWARD WHICH WE WERE BENDING ALL OUR EFFORTS AND WHICH HAD THE ATTENTION OF HIGH LEVELS IN STATE DEPT. A MAJOR PROBLEM WAS THAT A CHAIN OF INTERDEPENDENCE AFFECTING THIRD COUNTRIES HAD A BEARING ON DELIVERIES OF SUCH SCARCE ITEMS AS F-5'S. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD WORK WITH ALL CONCERNED IN ATTEMPT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GOE'S NEEDS. INGERSOLL

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